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Sch. Margaret, via Portland, 6000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Claudia, Georges, halibuting, 6000 lbs. halibut, 45,000 lbs. fresh cod, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.
Steamer Quoddy, shore, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Nomad, shore, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mary Emerson, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. N. A. Rowe, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Edmund F. Black, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Harriet, via Boston, 110,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Steamer Independence, pollock seining, (Monday night) 25,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Catherine and Ellen, via Boston, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, had-docking.
Sch. Arkona, dory handlining.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
Sch. Waldo L. Stream, halibuting.
Sch. Yakima, halibuting.
Sch. Avalon, dory handlining.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 6 cts. for gray.
Georges halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round, 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

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SALT HERRING CARGO.

Secured by Sch. James A. Garfield at Bay of Islands.

Sch. James A. Garfield has secured a cargo of salt herring at Bay of Islands, N. F., and is now at Wood's Island, waiting a chance to leave for home.

Will Fit for Shack Trip.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley is on the way here from Port Clyde, Me., where she landed her fresh fish trip. On her arrival, Capt. George Nelson will fit her for a shack trip and then will go dory handlining in the same craft. Capt. Joshua W. Stanley will now turn his attention to mackerel seining.

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Fresh Halibut Sale.

The fare of fresh halibut of sch. Claudia sold to the New England Fish Co. at 8 cents per pound for white and 6 cents for gray.

Landed at Newburyport.

Sch. Scud of this port landed 2000 pounds of fresh fish at Newburyport Monday.

Will Go South Seining.

Sch. Dauntless will now fit for south mackerel seining under command of Capt. Ambrose Fleet.

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Portland Fish Notes.

The Gloucester schooner Slade Gorton, which came in here about a fortnight ago with a fare of over 100,000 pounds of fish, put into port again Tuesday with another big catch. She left Gloucester on March 26 for the LaHave Banks and as a result of her week's fishing made a haul of 85,000 pounds of mixed fish and about 5000 pounds of halibut. She will dispose of her fare here and return to the Banks for another catch, after which she will fit out for the southern mackerel fishery.

Sch. Lochinvar had 30,000 pounds of fresh fish and sloop Laconia 6000 pounds.

Haddock Trip Stocked \$1644.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Capt. Joshua W. Stanley, stocked \$1644 on her haddock trip sold on Monday at Port Clyde, Me.

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TWO MACKEREL AT NEW YORK.

Were Taken in Trap Off Cape Charles, Va.

There are mackerel at New York this morning. Those who have wagered there would not be a trip there before Monday need not worry, however, as the fish there number just two and they came by rail.

The fish were taken a few days ago in a weakfish trap off Cape Charles, Virginia and were sent to New York, consigned to Eldred & Haley, Fulton Market.

The fish are mediums.

Seining Fleet Will Sail.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch; Veda M. McKown, Capt. Norman A. Ross and Arabia, Capt. Wallace Bruce, will sail south mackerel seining today. Sch. George Parker, Capt. John O'Brien, will sail tomorrow.

Will Fit for Mackerel Netting.

Sch. Mabel Bryson is coming down from Boston today to fit for south mackerel netting. Capt. Joseph Sampson will command her as usual.

Some Schools Seen in South.

Capt. Nathaniel Day of this city, who has been snapper fishing out south the past winter has arrived in Boston, via New York, where he arrived on a southern steamer a few days ago. Yesterday, while in Boston, Capt. Day reports that when 40 miles to the southward of Cape Hatteras, the mate of the steamer, who had the watch, called his attention to several large schools of fish. Capt. Day thought they were mackerel and a little later as the steamer went close to some of the schools, had a chance to see them at short range and both he and the mate then saw that they were undoubtedly mackerel. The schools were seen in a space of about ten miles. In all eight or nine schools were sighted, all large and one of them being of far more than ordinary size. The fish were going fast to the northward.

Although a lookout was kept no schools were seen to the northward of those above mentioned and from this it would seem that what Captain Day and the mate of the steamer saw were the head of the southern body of fish. If this is so, it bears out the contention of many close observers of mackerel that the fish are late this year, as have been most of the other species of fish which first come from the southward a little earlier in the season than this, such as shad, etc., the only exception being bluefish which are reported a little earlier than usual. Although shad were quite late the run has been phenomenal and the market has been almost glutted with them. If mackerel should come along in such numbers as to glut the market their lateness could easily be forgiven. Capt. Day reports fine weather coming along.

In the words of the Old Farmer's Almanac, "about this time" look out for word of a fare of mackerel at Fortress Monroe or possibly New York. Should the catch be a very large one.

Some Previous First Trips.

Last year the first fish were taken April 10, sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine getting 20 mackerel in two sets of his seine. The first trip landed last season was at Fortress Monroe by sch. Electric Flash, Capt. William Bissett, of this port, April 16. The fare was 14 barrels of large mediums. The fish, as will be seen by this, were also late last season.

The first fare landed in 1908 went to the credit of Capt. Solomon Jacobs in sch. A. M. Nicholson, he having 13 barrels of mediums at Fortress Monroe, March 30, this landing being one of the earliest on record.

Last season the first fare at New York was brought in by sch. Constellation, Capt. Thaddeus Morgan, on April 27, there being but 600 fish in the lot.

In 1908 the first fare at New York was brought in by sch. Ingomar, Capt. Wallace Parsons. He had 7000 fish in count and got in on the afternoon of April 1.

Will Engage in Georges Drifting.

Capt. Oscar Lyons has fitted sch. Corsair for two or three trips Georges drifting and then will shift over to dory handlining.

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BOSTON MARKET STILL GLUTTED.

Fish Still Continue to Sell at Low Prices.

There is no change for the better in the market at T wharf this morning. A dozen of the market fleet are in, three of them from off shore fishing, with fares of from 70,000 to 85,000 pounds and they are on the way here now with their fares to go to the splitters. Shore haddock brought \$1.25, pretty handy the lowest price of the season and large hake \$1.50. A few off-shore haddock were moved at 75 cents and cod are at splitting price.

From Georges are schs. Hortense with 70,000 pounds, Mary DeCosta with 75,000 pounds and Mary B. Greer with 33,000 pounds, sch. Rose Cabral being here, the Greer first taking out some of her haddock.

The market boats have from 3000 to 33,000 pounds. Sch. Rose Cabriel being credited with the latter amount.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Hortense, 50,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 1000 halibut.
Sch. Rose Cabral, 25,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1500 hake, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, 25,000 haddock, 50,000 cod, 600 halibut.
Sch. Arbitrator, 14,000 haddock, 6000 cod.
Sch. Mettacommet, 1000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Emerald, 15,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Olivia Sears, 500 cod.
Sch. Pontiac, 15,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Lucy B. Winsor, 3000 cod.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, 35,000 haddock, 50,000 cod.
Sch. Harmony, 8000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, 17,000 haddock, 7000 cod.
Off-shore haddock, 75 cts. per cwt.; shore haddock, \$1.25; large cod, \$2; market cod, \$1.50; pollock, 85 cts.; hake 70 cts. to \$1.50.

Dominion Ice Report.

The Dominion ice report for Monday was:

Lislet to Cape Rosier, inclusive—No ice.

Cape Despair—Very little ice.

Point Maquereau—Heavy close packed everywhere.

Point Escuminac, Tormentine, Traverse, Bear, Mulgrave, Cape North, Cape Ray, Cape Race—No ice.

Anticosti, West Point—Light open ice everywhere.

Southwest Point—Light open ice everywhere.

South Point—Light open ice inshore.

Point Amour—Light open ice moving east.

Lunenburg Fish Notes.

Sch. Beatrice S. Mack arrived from the banks late Monday afternoon with a fare of fish.

Sch. Colonia sailed for the banks Monday.

The new schooner Uda A. Sanders was launched from Smith & Rhuland's yard on Saturday. She will be commanded by Capt. Scott Corkum.

Sch. J. B. Young, sailed for the banks, via Halifax, Tuesday.

The keel of a 117 foot schooner for Capt. Reuben Ritcey is laid down in Smith & Rhuland's shipyard.

Sch. Douglas Adams, Zinck, sailed for the banks Tuesday.

Successful Sealing Trip.

Just one month out from port the steamer Harlaw steamed up Halifax harbor Sunday morning from a sealing trip in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Capt. Farquhar is looking in the best of health and is well satisfied with his catch, which consisted of 12,900 seals, valued at about \$22,200. The seals were landed at St. John's where they were disposed of. Capt. Farquhar has been going to the sealing grounds for 14 years and this is his most successful trip. This is the tenth trip of the Harlaw. Although the seals were scattered Captain Farquhar reports them plentiful.

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Will Fit For Georges Handlining.

Sch. W. H. Moody will now fit for Georges handlining under command of Capt. William Sheves.

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MORE FISH FOR THE SPLITTERS.

Big Fares Came From Boston Yesterday Afternoon.

Boston sent down some more big fares to split yesterday afternoon, sch. Catherine and Ellen bringing 100,000 pounds of hake and cusk and the new sch. Harriet, from her maiden trip, which also marked Capt. Ralph Silva's debut as a skipper, coming with 110,000 pounds of fresh codfish. Sch. Alice M. Guthrie also came down with 75,000 pounds of haddock and cod.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen took her fare to George Perkins & Son and the trips of schs. Harriet and Alice M. Guthrie went to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company. The Cunningham & Thompson Company had the sch. Morning Star with 40,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Sch. Arthur D. Story came in last evening from a Georges handlining trip, with 25,000 pounds of salt cod and 3000 pounds of halibut, the former going to Hugh Parkhurst & Co.

This morning 30 barrels of alewives were received from Essex.

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Alewives, 30 bbls. from Essex.

Sch. Mary E. Sinnett, shore.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, shore.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.

Sch. Rebecca, shore.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, via Port Clyde, Me.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, pollock seining.

Sch. Margie Smith, pollock seining.

Mary DeCosta via Boston, 80,000 fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. W. E. Morrissey, dory handlining.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, haddocking.

Sch. Edmund F. Black, haddocking.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, haddocking.

Sch. Mary Edith, shore.

Sch. George H. Lube, shore.

Sch. Emily Sears, shore.

Sch. Actor, shore.

Sch. Almeida, halibuting.

Sch. Marsala, Georges, handlining.

Sch. Senator Saulsbury, Georges, handlining.

Sch. Selma, halibuting.

Sch. Lucania, south seining.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, south seining.

Sch. Arabia, south seining.

Ella G. King Georges.

Lillian, haddocking.

Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.

Good Luck, drifting.

Corsair, drifting.

E. C. Hussey, drifting.

Jubilee, drifting.

S. P. Willard, dory handlining.

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Hake Sounds Go Up.

Hake sounds are apparently in demand. The price yesterday rose to 11½ cents per pound.

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HANDLING FISH BUSINESS OF BOSTON

Changes Said to Be Contemplated in the Previously Made Plans.

The plan to house fish interests of this port on the present Commonwealth docks at South Boston has been abandoned.

Instead, it is now proposed that a new pier be erected in South Boston, so that T wharf may be abandoned by the fishermen and adequate and sanitary accommodations be provided for all the fish business that may come to Boston for generations to come.

A representative of the fish dealers recently made this authoritative statement:

"It is the consensus of opinion among the fish dealers, the state authorities and the Chamber of Commerce committee which has had this matter in charge that it is most desirable to build a new pier of solid concrete construction from capstone to capstone, which can be paved throughout and provided with fish houses of concrete construction as well, so that the whole plant may conform to the most rigid sanitary conditions.

"The matter is now up to the state authorities, the governor and council and the harbor and land commission, for consideration as to what would be proper terms for the consummation of a lease between the commonwealth and the fish dealers."

To Come to Head in Few Days.

It is expected the whole matter will be brought to a head in a few days and terms agreed upon which will result in the removal of one of Boston's greatest industries to quarters which will permit of a great increase of the business.

The project as it now stands, is as follows:

The commonwealth to build a new concrete pier east of the commonwealth pier and 150 feet from it. This pier to be 300 feet wide and 1200 feet long.

The new pier the wholesale fish dealers are to lease for a long term and to improve by the erection of buildings suitable for the conduct of their business. At the expiration of the lease buildings and all become the property of the commonwealth.

East of this new pier, there is to be a basin 400 feet wide, protected on the side by a breakwater, with a spur at the entrance of the basin running toward the pier for about 200 feet, and this forming a sheltered anchorage where fishing vessels may lie while awaiting the discharge of their cargoes or until favorable weather for leaving port.

These are the broadly sketched details of a project which is to involve the expenditure of more than \$1,000,000 and transplant an industry which has been located at T wharf for over 30 years and brings to this port annually more than 150,000,000 pounds of fresh fish, worth, in a round sum at least \$7,000,000.

The fishing fleet, which discharges here numbers about 325 vessels and represents an investment of about \$3,500,000. In supplies, renewals and repairs it spends about \$5,000,000 a year, most of it in Boston. Besides the fresh fish it supplies for handling here it brings either here or to Gloucester a large amount of fish for salting, smoking or curing in other ways.

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Portland Fish Notes.

Two fish arrivals were reported here Wednesday, the steamer Carrie and Mildred with 5000 pounds and the Slade Gorton with 5000 pounds of halibut, both of which fares were taken out for F. S. Willard. The Gorton also has 80,000 pounds of mixed fish, which she has taken to Port Clyde.

The sch. Topsail Girl which for several weeks has been fitting out for halibut fishing will probably get away today. Salt was being taken on yesterday and everything is in readiness for the trip. The sch. Watauga is also ready and will sail before the end of the week. Both will go to La Have banks.

Fred Darling, a South Portland boat fisherman, brought in about 1000 pounds of fish Wednesday, among which were some of the largest cod ever brought into this port, several of them tipping the scales at 75 pounds.

T Wharf Utterly Inadequate.

The T wharf interests are behind the move to a man. Of the 44 wholesale fish dealers in the city, everyone is taking an interest. Their present accommodations are pitifully inadequate. Vessels by the score have been held up for days, unable to get near enough to the pier to unload, while fish spoiled in their holds.

After the fish was landed, there was not room enough on the wharf to care for it. As much as 30,000 pounds yearly have had to be trundled in hand carts along Atlantic avenue and across to the fish houses located on Commerce street. Hardly a dealer but has been forced by the exigencies of the business to obstruct traffic on the sidewalks and had, therefore, to answer to complaints for violating city ordinances.

On top of this, the conditions on the old wooden wharf are far from sanitary. The new pier will be so constructed that every part of it can be flushed with water daily and dust and dirt be relegated to the limbo of the unknown.

The new pier will be paved with vitrified brick. At the harbor end an administration building is planned for the center. On each side of this is to be a row of three-story concrete fish houses, 60 feet wide, running the whole length of the pier. It is expected that these will furnish room enough to house any possible increase in the business for years to come.

Between these houses will be a 90-foot causeway suitable for teaming, so that the old hand-carts can be done away with entirely. There will be room for railway tracks, and the street will be sunk, so that loading direct into teams and freight cars can be done from platforms on a level with the store floors.

Cost High, But Worth It.

The buildings will be within 50 feet of the Northern avenue railroad spur. Ninety per cent. of all the fish received in Boston is sent out by rail, going as far south as New Orleans and as far west as Salt Lake City; so the matter of railway connection is one of the most important, and in this T wharf has been woefully deficient. For this reason, Portland, Newport and New York have been gaining upon Boston recently in the amount of business handled.

The financial end of the wholesale moving of the fish business means the expenditure of more than \$1,000,000. It is figured by the harbor and land commission that it will cost the state \$600,000 to build the new pier. The fish men have raised \$500,000, the greater part of which they expect to spend in preparing the pier for their business and building the breakwater. They are ready to bind themselves to do this at once as soon as a lease is signed.

"It would not take all this simply to provide for the business of today," said a prominent dealer recently; "but we are willing to build for the future. With adequate facilities, there is no reason why Boston's fish business should not be vastly increased."

A system of lateral piers projecting from the east end of the main pier is planned if the business warrants it, so that a total docking frontage of 4900 feet will be provided as against the 1800 now furnished by T wharf.

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Largest Seal Year Known.

That the whole Newfoundland seal fishery season will be the largest ever known in the colony is believed to be assured by the report received Tuesday from the sealing steamer Labrador that she has a catch of 15,000 seals. This will make a total catch for the season of 300,000 seals, breaking all previous records. The Labrador arrived Tuesday at St. John's from the sealing grounds in the Gulf of St. Lawrence at Fort Neau, Belle Isle straits. Until she was heard from, it was supposed that she was returning with an empty hold.